



**ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL
GRADUATION RATE TASKFORCE**

**August 20, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m.
3rd Floor Conference Room
Executive Tower
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

AGENDA

The Arizona Ready Education Council (Council) Graduation Rate Taskforce will discuss and may take action on the following matters. Members will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. Public comment will be taken. The public will be allotted three minutes each to address the Taskforce during the Call to the Public section of the agenda.

Vision: By 2020, Arizona will be home to the best students and the best schools in the nation.

Mission: To monitor progress towards Arizona's rigorous education goals and determine if reform strategies are improving student learning, and to ensure the fidelity of implementation of Arizona Ready.

Goals:

- Increase the percentage of third graders meeting state reading standards to 94% in 2020 from 70% in 2010;
- Increase the percentage of eighth graders achieving at or above basic on the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) to 85% in 2020 from 67% in math and 68% in reading in 2010;
- **Raise the high school graduation rate to 93% in 2020 from 73% in 2010;** and
- Double the number of students receiving baccalaureate degrees to 36,000 per year.

Attendance Sheet

Member	Present	Phone	Absent
Cathleen Barton			
Patti Bertram			
Rusty Bowers			
Dan Brown			
Mark Dobbins			
Pearl Esau			
Maria Harper Marinick			
Marv Lamer			
Sam Leyvas			
Amanda McAdams			
Diane McCarthy			
Amy Schlessman			
Kent Scribner			
Darcy Renfro			
Tom Tyree			
Carolyn Warner			
Merl Waschler			
Vince Yanez			
Jim Zaharis			
Total Attendance (quorum > 10)			

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1. Call to Order, Welcome, & Introductions

Merl Waschler

Meeting Objectives:

- In-Depth Discussion of White Paper for Build on Early Childhood
- Revised White Paper for Early Warning Data Systems and Align CTE and Career Pathway Systems

ACTION: Take attendance.

ACTION: Move to approve minutes from previous meeting.

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8:00-8:10am

2. Discussion: High School Revision

Rebecca Gau

8:10-8:40am

3. Discussion: White Paper Review

Rebecca Gau

8:40-9:00am

4. Discussion: Recommendation Package

Rebecca Gau

9:00-9:30am

5. Council Comments

Council Members

- Next Steps
- 2013 Taskforce Meeting Schedule
 - September 17
 - October 15
 - November 13

9:30-9:50am

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6. Call to the Public

Council Members

Please note that public comments not specific to agenda items cannot be addressed by the Taskforce. Public members wishing to address the Taskforce are limited to 3 minutes.

9:50-10:00am

7. Adjourn

Merl Waschler

ACTION: Move to adjourn.

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10:00am

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